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BRIEFING: MARCH 3, 2011 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #8

TO: Chairman Pringle and Authority Board Members

FROM: Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director

DATE: 2/23/11

RE: Los Angeles to San Diego Section via the Inland Empire Preliminary Alternatives Analysis

Los Angeles to San Diego Section via the Inland Empire Preliminary Alternatives Analysis

This agenda item is intended to serve as the release of the Preliminary Alternatives Analysis (AA) Report for the Los Angeles to San Diego Section via the Inland Empire and provide the public and the Board an opportunity to be briefed on the current state of analyzing the alignment, station alternatives, and maintenance facilities for this project. The full Preliminary AA for the Los Angeles to San Diego via the Inland Corridor will be posted on the CHSRA website by February 28, 2011.

Subject to United States Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineer concurrence as part of the Clean Water Act § 404 (b)(1)/National Environmental Protection Act NEPA integration process, and considering the technical data and the extensive community, stakeholder, and agency input received, Authority staff recommends the alignment and station alternatives identified in the attached Executive Summary of the Preliminary AA be carried forward for detailed study in the Los Angeles to San Diego Section via the Inland Empire EIR/EIS.

Staff Recommendation

Staff requests approval of the Preliminary AA.

Attachments:

✓ Preliminary AA Executive Summary